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Iraqi Police graduate 142 from advanced training

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 142 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility August 4 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces, according to the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 61 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 16 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 32 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 16 graduates, and First Line Supervision with 17 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Participants also receive instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,264 police officers have completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Interview & Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 543 students have completed this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 541 officers to date.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 317 students to date.

First-Line Supervision focuses on major leadership areas for front line supervisors including human rights training, ethics and corruption, policing in a democracy, and interpersonal skills critical to effective leadership. To date, 465 students have graduated from this course.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for police officers currently serving, who have received little or no basic training.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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